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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

hello and good day;

i would like to say that i believe ANY settlement with those PROVEN in COURT, to have lied, cheated, stolen, faked evidence AND abused monopoly power is too generous. anything less than a breakup will not prevent them from holding the future of computing (and indeed those who rely on the computers- ahem, government?) hostage.

below (end of message) are several quotes from the ceo of palm, inc. in a recent (jan.21,02) interview with yahoo news. notice how he mentions that;

a.) they will leverage the desktop monopoly as much as possible.b.) they are content to lose money for long periods of time (and drive palm out of the market) by being funded by the os/office products revenues.

Does this remind anyone of netscape? Barely has the threat of break-up been taken off the table, and they are still/already up to their old tricks.

if the outcome of this trial is the same as that of 1994-5, then you have merely wasted the taxpayers money, and have nothing to show for it. you MUST make these people understand that abuse of the american people will not go unpunished, and that there are still branches of government more concerned with the people they serve and protect than with large corporations who BREAK the LAW.

thank you for reading my message, chris march

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Palm Software CEO Talks Tough on Microsoft Rivalry

By Franklin Paul

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So far, Microsoft, which holds about 20 percent of the market to Palm's more than 50 percent, has been patient. Experts say the company has steadily grown its share in the PDA market, and can continue to do so slowly leveraging its relationships with corporations who already depend on Windows in the workplace.

Moreover, unlike Microsoft, Palm does not have a multibillion-dollar product like Windows to fall back on.

"Overall, we believe Palm's strategy is now well articulated and the company is executing much better under improved leadership," J.P. Morgan analyst Paul Coster said in a recent note to clients. "However, we believe the competitive threat is also mounting."

Nagel acknowledged Microsoft's dominance in desktop market, and its ability to barge into new arenas. Still he hopes to convince users that a Palm-driven device is an essential tool alongside their desktop PC.

"We are not going to displace Microsoft," he said. "Microsoft has a complete monopoly on the desktop. But we want to be the best companion to the PC."

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